

Prof and Business Man Help Ease World Tension

CHICAGO. — Taking public stands in letters to the press here, two Illinoisans recently showed how to contribute to the easing of tensions between the U. S. and the Soviet Union.

In answer to a Daily News editorial on Soviet "stage-managing" the Powers spy trial, Robert Berlin, young Chicago executive, stated that when in 1958 he planned a tour to Europe, including 10 days in the Soviet Union, he was approached by the CIA to act as an agent for the U.S. while in the USSR. He was told that tourists can sometimes do a better job than official agents. At that time he refused, but realized later, as he said in his letter, that there must have been "more daring tourists — who have been in the Soviet Union, and helped, to use your words, "Soviet stage managing."

Robert Eisner, Professor of Economics at Northwestern Uni-

versity, wrote from Paris, France, to answer an editorial in the N. Y. Times that any American tourist to the USSR, lays himself open to spy charges there if he so much as discusses economics with a Soviet citizen, takes pictures, etc.

The professor and his wife, who were in Moscow during the trial, found such statements absolutely untrue. They, as well as other tourists they met in Moscow, were met with friendliness and courtesy, he said. He ended his letter as follows:

"It would certainly be most unfortunate if the influential voices of the American press were to be used, unjustifiably, to frighten or discourage Americans from participating in peaceful and mutually enlightening contacts with citizens of the Soviet Union."

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